

The Honorable Lauren King

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE**

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity
as President of the United States, et al.,

Defendants.

NO. 2:25-cv-00244-LK

DECLARATION OF S.G.

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1 I, S.G., declare as follows:

2 1. I am over the age of 18, competent to testify as to the matters herein, and make
3 this declaration based on my personal knowledge.

4 2. I have chosen to submit this declaration using only initials because I am fearful
5 that the government could retaliate against me or my child. I also worry that individuals
6 emboldened by the Federal Government's recent actions could target my family for submitting
7 this declaration.

8 3. I am the mother of a 17-year-old daughter, "Minor A." I am an acupuncturist, and
9 her father works as an educator in land conservancy. We've lived in the state of Washington
10 since Minor A was born.

11 4. My daughter is transgender. She was assigned male at birth, but she identifies as
12 female. She loves to ski and play video games. She's doing well in school and her friends mean
13 everything to her.

14 5. When Minor A was around two or three years old and could vocalize her
15 preferences, she started preferring some stereotypically female things. For example, when we
16 were at a shoe store, she would drag me to the girls' shoes section, requesting the ones that had
17 princesses on them. I'd try to get her to focus on the blue boy ones, but she was very certain of
18 what she wanted. When she was three, she decided to be a witch for Halloween. At around 6
19 years old, she let her hair grow long.

20 6. When she was around seven years old, we were at a restaurant having dinner, and
21 the waitress asked us "what would you ladies like to order?" I asked Minor A if she'd like me to
22 correct the waitress. She said "no," that she liked when people thought she was a girl. A couple
23 of months later, she told her dad that she was in fact, a girl, and would like to be called by a girl
24 name she chose.

25 7. At that time, Minor A was attending a private school where they used uniforms.
26 We communicated to the school that we'd like for our daughter to transition socially at school

1 and be able to wear a girl's uniform. Because we asked in the spring, they requested we wait
2 until the start of the new school year to start the transition. They also asked us to write a letter to
3 all of the parents in the school (pre-k through fifth grade) to explain to them that Minor A was
4 transitioning. We were very new to anything related to the transgender community, and I didn't
5 know any other transgender kids at her school. So, we followed the school's recommendation,
6 although looking back now, I realize that other children's families were not required to
7 communicate big changes in their child's lives in this way to the whole school.

8 8. When I first understood that Minor A was transgender, I was terrified of what this
9 would mean for her. I cried nearly every day for three months, worrying about how people would
10 treat her and reading about the challenges that the transgender community faces. Luckily, we are
11 surrounded by a supportive community. When Minor A transitioned, I started hearing from other
12 parents or teachers from her school about how she had positively changed now that she could
13 identify as a girl. People would tell me that she now looked them in the eyes when she spoke.
14 Her music teacher said that she went from being a depressed kindergartner to a happy student. I
15 hadn't experienced this depressed behavior with her at home, since at home she could dress and
16 express herself any way she liked. When I heard this validation from acquaintances at her school,
17 I knew we had made the right decision for her.

18 9. We sought gender-affirming care for Minor A and did not question that choice.
19 The first step we took towards finding this care was to take Minor A to a pediatric
20 endocrinologist who said that in order to get gender-affirming treatment in the future, we would
21 need to find a therapist to support Minor A during her transition now. Her doctor told us that to
22 start puberty blockers, we should wait until she was 11 or 12. In the meantime, it was hard to
23 find a good therapist for her, but we have consistently sought therapy for Minor A since that
24 time.

25 10. When Minor A was nearing puberty, she started taking the puberty blockers.
26 Getting her hormonal implant was a huge relief for Minor A. She was terrified of going through

1 puberty as a boy. After she received her implant, she told me: “Momma, guess what I’m afraid
2 of now? Nothing.”

3 11. A couple of years later she was prescribed estrogen, which she continues to take
4 today.

5 12. Now at 17, Minor A is a wonderful girl, stable and secure of herself. I believe
6 that she is well-adjusted today because we always advocated for her and supported her. She
7 doesn’t feel like she has to prove herself because we’ve always allowed her to be herself. She
8 just wants to be a normal kid, a normal girl.

9 13. Since the November 2024 presidential election, it literally feels like there is a
10 weight on me, all the time. I have to find a way to function. I don’t know how to live my life
11 under this kind of oppression. I’ve lost weight because I’m having trouble eating and sleeping.
12 What encourages me to hope for a good future is to hear about what the lawyers and courts are
13 doing to protect us, like this lawsuit.

14 14. Minor A knows about the Executive Order that threatens to put a stop to gender-
15 affirming care. We’ve talked about it in the context of her care, and with her doctors. She’s been
16 prescribed estrogen to last for the next three months. There is no way my daughter would survive
17 having to stop this treatment. The suicide rate for trans youth is skyrocketing under this new
18 administration. I will do anything I can to not let this happen to her. Even with these fears, Minor
19 A feels strongly that she wants to continue living in Washington to be close to her friends and
20 community although in the last day or two, she is considering the option of leaving. The pressure
21 is getting to her as well.

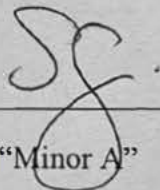
22 15. The next step in Minor A’s care plan is to get a referral to see a clinic about
23 bottom surgery. After we have the initial appointment, which Minor A cannot have until she
24 turns 18, there is a two-year waiting period for the surgery. We are afraid the possibility of having
25 this procedure done in the U.S. will be taken away from us. And the wait lists are long here in
26 the US as well. I’ve been researching other countries we could travel to if this were to happen,

1 even though this would be a significant expense for our family. We also worry about taking our
2 daughter out of the country right now, and fear that she may have difficulty re-entering the US
3 because she is trans.

4 16. Ever since Minor A transitioned, I've volunteered to facilitate support groups for
5 transgender families. While I stopped recently, I'm still well-connected to the community. The
6 fear amongst parents of trans youth is real. Parents are talking about trying to buy unregulated
7 hormone replacement therapy for their kids online if it becomes unavailable at clinics. That
8 would be incredibly unsafe, especially without a doctor taking bloodwork and monitoring the
9 treatment. We are concerned about our safety, stopped using Facebook to communicate, and
10 have had to find a more secure space to talk in person. What this administration doesn't
11 understand is that you can't stop parents from protecting their children—we will do whatever it
12 takes.

13 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington and the
14 United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

15 DATED this 14 day of February 2025.

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18 S.G.
19 Parent of "Minor A"
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